

SB 5141 - DIGEST

Finds an urgent and substantial need to enhance the development of all infants and toddlers with disabilities in Washington in order to minimize developmental delays and to maximize individual potential for learning and functioning.

Requires that, by September 1, 2008, each school district shall provide or contract for early intervention services to all eligible children with disabilities from birth to three years of age. Eligibility shall be determined according to Part C of the federal individuals with disabilities education act and as specified in the Washington Administrative Code.

Establishes a birth-to-three task force to make recommendations concerning policies, procedures, and regulations in order to ensure implementation of an equitable statewide comprehensive system for all eligible children with disabilities from birth to three years of age.

Requires the birth-to-three task force to submit a report to the governor and the superintendent of public instruction by December 1, 2006, outlining their recommendations.